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SUBJECT: CEP: US CO-CHAIRMAN, PLANNING BOARD FOR OCEAN
SHIPPING (PBOS) MEETING APRIL 24-28, WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. UK CEP OFFICER (HULSE) INFORMALLY ADVISED MISSION CEP OFFICER (GRIFFITH) THAT A REQUEST FROM THE UK PBOS CO-CHAIRMAN (LANCHIN) HAD BEEN MADE TO THE UK PERMREP (KILLICK) FOR KILLICK'S ASSISTANCE IN ASSURING THAT THE US CO-CHAIRMAN DURING THE PBOS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 24-28 IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE SUFFICIENTLY SENIOR IN RANK AND POSITION TO SPEAK FOR THE US MARITIME ADMINISTRATION. ACCORDING TO HULSE, LANCHIN'S CONCERN IS THAT WITH THE REPORTED DEPARTURE OF H.F. CASEY AS DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS, WHO FREQUENTLY SERVED AS US CO-CHAIRMAN AND WITHOUT A SUCCESSOR FOR CASEY YET NAMED, WASHINGTON PBOS CO-CHAIRMAN POSITION WOULD BE FILLED BY A JUNIOR OFFICIAL OF MARAD. LANCHIN CAUTIONED KILLICK THAT THIS COULD BE INTERPRETED BY OTHER PBOS REPRESENTATIVES AS A SIGN THAT THE US HAS LOST INTEREST IN NATO MARITIME ACTIVITIES. HULSE CONTINUED BY SAYING THAT LANCHIN HAD ASKED
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KILLICK TO REQUEST UK EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS, BLACKWELL.

2. GRIFFITH ASSURED HULSE THAT WASHINGTON'S SUPPORT OF PBOS CONTINUES TO BE STRONG AND REMINDED HIM OF THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE AND OF THE FOLLOW-ON WORK THAT CAN BE

ANTICIPATED BY THE PBOS IN SUPPORT OF THE LONG-RANGE DEFENSE INITIATIVES. HULSE WAS FURTHER ADVISED THAT AT THIS TIME NO ANNOUNCEMENT HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY US CONCERNING THE SUCCESSOR FOR CASEY BUT THAT WHEN SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT WAS RECEIVED, HE WOULD BE ADVISED. GLITMAN

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